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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 13 January 1952, 28 swept-back jet fighters and 1 single-engine plane with a radial engine were counted at Zerbst airfield. The interior of the hangars could not be observed. There was no flying.
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- 25X1 2. On 14 January, no flying activity was observed. After 9:30 a.m. on 15 January, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters. Between 1:08 and 2:30 p.m., swept-back jet fighters
- 25X1 took off. All the planes were single-seaters which
- 25X1 were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. At 1:18 p.m., a single-engine plane
- 25X1 with a radial engine took off. The plane towed a sleeve target. It was repeated-
- 25X1 ly observed over the field in the afternoon. There was a visibility of about
- 1,000 meters. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 16 January, four swept-back jet fighters
- with auxiliary fuel tanks were observed over the town flying in formations of
- two. Visibility was limited to about 800 meters. The cloud ceiling was at an
- altitude of about 400 meters.
- 25X1 3. Between 1 and 2 p.m. on 17 January, the field was observed from its western side.
- 25X1 The weather was the same as on 16 January. Six swept-back jet fighters and a
- 25X1 single-engine plane with a radial engine were parked on the western end of the
- runway. Three additional swept-back jet fighters were observed in front of the
- hangars. The eastern section of the field could not be observed. At 1:48 p.m.,
- 25X1 a single-seater, swept-back jet fighter with the red number 909 and fitted
- with auxiliary fuel tanks took off.
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- 25X1 Comment. Since 2 October 1951, Zerbst airfield has been occupied by two
- 25X1 fighter regiments which were previously stationed in Koethen. It is believed
- that most of the MiG-15s of the two regiments were parked in the hangars on the
- days of observation because, each regiment
- is equipped with about 40 MiG-15s.
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